Chief Ministers' conference on Power

2855. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Power recently decided to convene a conference of State Chief Minsiters to adopt a Common Minimum Action Plan for Power Sector, as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 3rd December, 1996;

(b) whether the centre has also decided to seek the Chief Ministers' approval for the proposed rationalisation of tariffs and metering of power supplies; and

(c) if so, what are the main proposals approved by the Conference, indicating the powers given to the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission and the State Regulatory Commissions in different States regarding power planning handling of licenses and IPPs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) and (c) Chief Ministers' Conference on Power were held on 16th October, 1996 and 3rd December, 1996 to deliberate upon the important issues in the power sector and draw up an Action Plan for bringing about improvement in the sector which inter-alia, includes sectors reforms, performance of utilities, tariff rationalisation, metering etc. The Action Plan would need to be finalised based on the various suggestions of the Chief Ministers/Energy Ministers.

National Development Council

2856. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) when the next National Development Council is scheduled to meet;

(b) whether the vital issues like delimination/floods/cyclone/drought, etc. would be included in the agenda; and

(c) if so, whether the views and comments of the States of Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh with regard to the above issues have been sought, before preparing the agenda?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (c) The next meeting of the National Development Council is scheduled to be held on the 16th January, 1997. The proposed Agenda for this meeting is "Approach Paper to the Ninth Five Year Plan" which will include thrust areas and the priorities of the Plan. Planning Commission had sought the views of all the Chief Ministers on the Approach to the Ninth Plan and had taken into consideration the views received from the Chief Ministers while formulating the Draft Approach Paper.

Pending Schemes for Supply of Drinking Water

2857. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes for supply of drinking water submitted by different State Governments are pending since long;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in giving approval;

(c) the number of schemes received by Government from the different States during the Eighth Five Year Plan, till date;

(d) the cost of those schemes;

(e) whether any such scheme has been received from Orissa; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) to (f) The requistite information is being collected and shall be laid down on the Table of the House.

Public Holidays for Polio Drops to Children

2858. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act have been

announced by the Government on December 7, 1996 and January 18, 1997 to facilitate polio drops to be given to children upto five years of age;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such holidays have been allowed to employees working in shops and private offices in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, with the course of action to be taken when denial of such holidays to shop employees is reported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) No Sir. The Central Government has not declared public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

(c) and (d) Closing of shops and private factories is regulated under the Statutory Acts notified by the respective State Governments/ Union Territories.

Enquiry Clerks Appointed by CPWD on Muster Roll

2859. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of enquiry clerks appointed on muster roll by CPWD during 1982-83 in sub-division No. III at M.B. Road and Aram Bagh;

(b) whether it is a fact that even after putting in over 15 years of service, their services have not been regularised, so far;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when Government propose to regularise their services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) In all, 3 Enquiry Clerks were appointed on Muster roll in Sub-Division No. III at M.B. Road and Aram Bagh by CPWD during 1982-83.

(b) to (d): A large number of posts for regularisation of services of eligible daily rated workers who were engaged prior to imposition of ban on the engagement of daily rated workers w.e.f. 19.11.1985, were created in 1992 in pursuance of the Supreme Court judgement dated 17.1.86 on a Writ Petition filed by Shri Surinder Singh & others, on the basis of requirement of posts projected by various field units of CPWD spread all over India. None of field units, however reported the fact of having daily rated enquiry Clerks and did not project any requirement for additional posts for their regularisation. However, since the workers were engaged prior to imposition of the ban the CPWD is collecting details of all such workers.

दिल्ली की बढ़ती हुई जनसंख्या

2860. **प्रो॰ विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) 1951 की जनगणना के अनुसार दिल्ली की जनसंख्या कितनी थी;

(ख) 1991 की जनगणना के अनुसार दिल्ली की जनसंख्या कितनी और इस समय इसकी अनुमानत: जनसंख्या कितनी है;

(ग) दिल्ली में अनुमानत: कितने व्यक्ति प्रतिवर्ष देश के अन्य भागों से आकर बसते हैं;

(घ) क्या दिल्ली का क्षेत्र इतनी अधिक जनसंख्या का भार सहन कर सकता है; और

(ङ) दिल्ली की जनसंख्या को सीमित रखने के लिए सरकार की योजनाएं क्या हैं?

शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डॉ॰ यू॰ वेंकटस्वरलू): (क) 1951 की जनगणना के अनुसार दिल्ली की आबादी 17,44,072 थी।

(ख) और (ग) 1991 की जनगणना के अनुसार दिल्ली की आबादी 194,20,644 तथा योजना आयोग के जनसंख्या प्रायोजन तकनीकी दल के आकलन के अनुसार दिल्ली की आबादी 1 मार्च, 1996 और 1 जुलाई, 1996 को क्रमश: 113.20 लाख और 114.30 लाख ठहरती है। लेकिन दिल्ली में हर साल बाहर से बसने के लिए आने वाले लोगों की संख्या के बारे में कोई सूचना सुलभ नहीं है। क्योंकि ऐसा कोई हिसाब नहीं रखा जाता।